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accompanying the dissertation

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A study of the determinants playing a role in residential settlement behaviour

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1. The attractiveness of places is of central importance in local and regional development strategies (Chapters 1 and 6).
2. STEM workers are attracted to a suburban lifestyle (Chapter 2).
3. (Im)mobility intentions of prospective graduates are influenced by the interplay of individual characteristics, hard -, soft locational factors and social factors (Chapter 3).
4. Resources and opportunities, unexpected events and personality traits play a role in explaining the realisation of mobility and immobility intentions (Chapter 4).
5. Personality affects the perceived attractiveness of environmental factors and therefore influences location choice (Chapter 5).
6. Policymakers, companies and higher education institutions who aim to better understand the attractiveness of places in terms of attracting and retaining (new) residents should focus on how different groups of individuals reason and act when making (im)mobility decisions and location choices (Chapter 7).
7. Applying an interdisciplinary perspective and working with a multidisciplinary team leads to greater creativity and critical thinking.
8. Academics should engage more in the work of policymakers and professionals, as well as with the voices of the public.
9. "Regions are always in the process of becoming and it is this that needs to be the focus of attention" (Doreen Massey, 1944-2016, A geographer who really mattered, p. 1291).
10. "In life, there are an infinite number of doors. If you are diligent, you will open some of them. If you are brilliant, you will open many of them. But if you are vibrant, they will open for you" (Sadghuru).